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In re Application of)	
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Serial No. Unknown)	
(Divisional of 09/210,843))	Examiner: unknown
Filed: concurrently herewith)	
For: Expression of Somatotropin in)	
Plant Seeds)	

The Commissioner of Patents
& Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

We are simultaneously filing herewith a divisional application of United States serial no. 09/210,843 filed on December 18, 1998. Please enter the following amendment in the divisional application.

In the Specification:

Please amend page 1, lines 4 to 9 as follows:

The present application is a divisional of USSN 09/210,843 that was filed on December 15, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/846,021 that was filed on April 25, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,948,682), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/366,783 that was filed on December 30, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,650,554), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/142,418 that was filed November 16, 1993 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/659,835 that was filed on February 22, 1991 (now abandoned), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-16, 19, 21 and 22 currently of record leaving claims 17, 18, 20 and 23-29 pending in the divisional application. Please calculate the claim fee after the present amendment is entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph at page 1, lines 4 to 9 has been amended as follows:

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Claims 1-16, 19, 21 and 22 have been deleted. Claims 17, 18, 20 and 23-29 are now pending in the divisional application.